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SUBJECT: CUBAN RESOLUTION AGAINST US EMBARGO: EU/ITALY WILL VOTE IN FAVOR

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¶1. (U) Paolo Miraglia, MFA Central America and Caribbean Office Director, told PolOff that, although highly concerned about the human rights situation in Cuba, Italy will support the EU position and vote in favor of the Cuban resolution. Miraglia stated that the Dutch presidency will deliver an explanation of the vote which will stress the EU's concerns about human rights and urge the Castro regime to make substantial improvements.

¶2. (U) PolOff also discussed the Spanish-led effort to reexamine the EU Common Position on Cuba and will report septel.

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